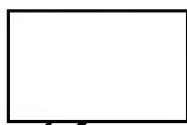


19 July 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director  
SUBJECT: The BACKFIRE Study

Attached is a note from [redacted] forwarding a final draft of the interagency study on the BACKFIRE plus a proposed reply to General Keegan's 21 June letter to you (a copy of which is also attached). The reply is forwarded in draft for your tinkering (if desired) since we are not sure how far you want to go in debating Keegan on this point, where his views are strongly institutional. This draft reply to General Keegan has been staffed out and coordinated. It employs the perpendicular pronoun a bit more than is your normal habit, but in this particular instance my eye does not see the draft's use of the first person as obtrusive or excessive.

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Attachments [redacted]

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